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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The Law Enforcement AP meeting will take place May 23, 2019, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and May 24, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29406.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Law Enforcement AP meeting is open to the public and will be available via webinar as it occurs. Registration is required.

Webinar registration information, a public comment form, and other meeting materials

will be posted to the Council's website at: http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/currentadvisory-panel-meetings/ as it becomes available.

Agenda items for the Law Enforcement AP meeting include the following: A

review and update on amendments to fishery management plans that are currently under

development by the Council or undergoing Secretarial review; a review and discussion of

draft Regulatory Amendment 29 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan

(FMP) addressing best fishing practices; priorities for Joint Enforcement Agreements;

and an update on outreach efforts for the For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment. The

AP will also review regulations on the harvest of dolphin onboard for-hire vessels in the

Mid-Atlantic and New England regions, provide guidance on prohibition on retention of

species in state waters when harvest in federal waters is closed for federally-permitted

for-hire vessels, and discuss the requirement that heads and fins be intact for snapper

grouper species.

The AP will also elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. The AP will develop

recommendations as necessary for consideration by the Council's Law Enforcement

Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to

the public hearings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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